AIDS cases in the country

2012. SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:

SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA:

SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) how many persons in India have so far been found to be victims of AIDS and how many have been subjected to test for the purpose; state:

(b) on what basis the suspected cases are identified for being subjected to AIDS test?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) So far 13 cases of AIDS have been reported in India; of these 9 occurred in persons of Indian origin and four in foreign nationals.

(b) Certain sections of the society such as foreigners, people suffering from sexually transmitted diseases, drug addicts, prostitutes belong to the high risk category and are subjected to AIDS Test.

Demands of the postal staff

2013. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the postal staff all over the country had decided to go on a nation-wide seven day strike from July 14;

(b) if so, what are their demands and Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) what steps were taken to avert the situation and the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) to (c) Yes Sir. The National Federation of Postal Employees, Federation of National Postal Organisations, Bharatiya Postal Employees Federation and All India Postal Accounts Employees Association had served a notice for going on strike from 14.7.87 to 20.7.87 for settlement of demands contained in a 13 point Charter of Demands, a copy of which is attached. [*See* Appendix CXLIII, Annexure No. 90]. After negotiations with the representatives of employees an agreement was reached and "Terms of Settlement" were signed on 11.7.1987, a copy of which is also enclosed. Consequently, the strike notice was withdrawn by the Federations/Associations.

Metropolitan Council of Delhi's resolution on Doctor's strike

2014. SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:

SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Metropolitan Council of Delhi have through a unanimous resolution called upon the Central Government to accept the demands of the striking doctors of the Central Health Services; and

(b) if so what was Government's re-action thereto, indicating the

details of the demands accepted, partly accepted or declined by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement indicating the main demands of doctors and Government's reaction thereto is enclosed.

Statement

(A) The demands are as follows:—

(i) Higher scale of pay at the entry point than those recommended by the Pay Commission.

(ii) Three time bound promotion in the first 15 years of service.

(iii) Non-Practising Allowance at the rate of 50 per cent of the Revised Pay Scale without ceiling, failing which they should be permitted private practice. Non-Practising Allowance to be treated as part of pay for purposes pertaining to Government service.

(iv) Other demands like grant of Conveyance Allowance at higher rates, Rural Area Allowance, Administrative Allowance, Teaching/Specialist Allowance Risk Allowance Special Pay and Professional Allowance, Enhancement of age of retirement from 58 to 62-65 years and a unified cadre of Central Health Service instead of four sub-cadres.

(B) After examining the demands, a package has been offered to the doctors. The main features of this package are as follows:—

(i) Medical Officers will get promotion to the post of Senior Medical Officer after 5 years by suitable adjustment of cadre strength Senior Medical Officer with a total of 12 years of regular service in Group 'A' will enter the next grade of Chief Medical Officer provided they have put in 2 years service as Senior Medical Officer. Strength of non-functional Selection Grade is to be fixed at 15 per cent of the total number of Senior Duty Posts and Chief Medical Officers with 2 years of regular service will be eligible for this grade subject to availability of posts. Promotion will be on merit-cum-seniority basis:

(ii) Assistant Professor will be able to secure promotion as Associate Professor after 3 years and Associate Professor can hope to get with the grade of Rs. 4500-5700 after 6 years of service as Associate Professor. A new intermediate scale of Rs. 3700-5000 is being introduced for Specialist-Grade II Officers of Non-Teaching and Public Health Sub-Cadre which they will be getting after 5 years of service. The Sepcialist Grade II Officers in this Sub-cadre will be considered for placement in the scale of *Rs. 4500—5700 after 9 years* of service in Specialist Grade II. All these placements in higher grades will be arranged by suitable restructuring of the Cadre. Teaching and Public Health Sub-cadre which they will be getting after 5 years of service. The Specialist Grade-II Officers in this Sub-cadre will be considered for placement in the scale of Rs. 4500-5700 after 9 years of service in Specialist Grade II. All these placements in higher grades will be arranged by suitable restructuring of the Cadre.

(III) 15 additional posts in Supertime level (Teaching Sub-cadre) will be sanctioned on ad-hoc basis pending Cadre Review to be filled on the basis of merit-cum-fitness 10 additional posts at Supertime

level will be sanctioned for the Specialist Non-Teaching Sub-Cadre on ad-hoc basis pending Cadre Review—to be filled on the basis of merit-cum-fitness.

(IV) The Non-Practising Allowance has been increased from Rs. 150 to Rs. 600 and from Rs 600 to Rs. 900/-. The rate of Conveyance Allowance has also been increased and it has been introduced for Specialist and General Duty Officers in hospitals. An Annual allowance of Rs 5000 per annum for professional pursuits has been accepted for Specialists. For General Duty Officers, the allowance will be Rs. 1200/- per annum.

A Cadre Review Committee has been set up to make recommendations for improving career progression of the officers in different Sub-Cadres and various grades in these Sub-Cadres including Supertime Grade.

Doctors' demand for pay scale and promotion parity with I. A. S.

2015. SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:

SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that while the Central Health Service doctors, who after due notice had to go on a strike, demanded only parity with IAS in the matter of pay-scales and opportunities of promotion, whereas Government in a package offered them higher emoluments rather than giving them partiy with other India Administrative Class-I Services; and

(b) if so, what are the main hurdles which come in the way of accepting their demand for parity with I.A.S.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) A statement indicating the demands of the doctors and the decision of Government on these demands is attached.

Statement

(b) The demands are as follows:—

(i) Higher scale of pay at the entry point than those recommended by the Pay Commission.

(ii) Three time-bound promotions in the first 15 years of service.

(iii) Non-Practising Allowance at the rate of 50 per cent of the Revised Pay Scale without ceiling, failing which they should be permitted private practice Non-Practising Allowance to be treated as part of pay for purposes pertaining to Government service.

(iv) Other demands like grant of Conveyance Allowance at higher rates, Rural Area Allowance, Administrative Allowance, Teaching/Specialist Allowance, Risk Allowance, Special Pay and Professional Allowance, Enhancement of age of retirement from 58 to 62—65 years and a unified cadre of Central Health Service instead of four sub-cadres.

(v) After examining all the demands, a package has been offered to the doctors. The main features of this package are as follows:—

(I) Medical Officers will get promotion to the post of Senior Medical Officer after 5 years by suitable adjustment of cadre strength. Senior Medical Officer with a total of 12 years of regular service in Group 'A' will enter the next grade of Chief Medical Officer provided they have put in 2 years service as Senior Medical Officer. Strength of non-functional Selection Grade is to